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TO Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

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FROM Chief of Station, Santiago

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SUBJECT

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

1. [REDACTED] comments permit certain rather disturbing inferences if the Station's information is correct that Alessandri will settle for nothing short of a popular mandate i.e. 51%. We are checking this out via [REDACTED] to make as sure as the traditional fickleness of electoral strategies permit that Alessandri is indeed unshakeably committed to declining a congressional "Article 64" mandate.

2. We need not belabor what this would mean in practical terms. [REDACTED]

3. The Partido Nacional's "manifest destiny" argumentation, which will have to be evaluated in the harsh light of analyses provided [REDACTED], leaves us unimpressed. We simply cannot afford being lulled into a false sense of security with landslide predictions. Given, therefore, a likelihood of an Allende/Alessandri confrontation, the prospects of a clean solution look increasingly grim. Similar conclusions may have been arrived at by others, e.g. by Tomic.

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